

## Message Text

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UNCLAS BANGKOK 9554

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BEXP, TH  
SUBJ: PROPOSED DIESEL ENGINE PLANTS FOR THAILAND

REF: STATE 93097

1. THE ISUZU MOTORS CO. OF JAPAN, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MITSUBISHI (JAPAN) AND TRI PETCH CO. OF BANGKOK, APPLIED IN FEBRUARY 1977 TO RTG'S BOARD OF INVESTMENT FOR PROMOTIONAL PRIVILEGES TO ESTABLISH A PLANT IN THAILAND TO MANUFACTURE 60 TO 300 HORSE POWER TRUCK DIESEL ENGINES WITH A PROPOSED INVESTMENT OF \$35 MILLION.

2. IN MARCH 1977, THREE OTHER APPLICATIONS WERE SUBMITTED BY GROUPS WHICH INCLUDED THAI HINO, AND UTASAHAKAM KASET THAI COMPANY OF BANGKOK FOR PROMOTIONAL PRIVILEGES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF TRUCK DIESEL ENGINES. BOI HAS ALSO RECEIVED A LETTER OF INTENT FROM INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO. OF U.S. BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED THE FORMAL APPLICATION.

3. BOI IS NOW EVALUATING THESE PROPOSALS WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR PROMOTIONAL PRIVILEGES. THE PRIME MINISTER  
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RECENTLY ENCOURAGED BOI, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND OTHER RTG OFFICES TO EXERCISE CAUTION PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE DIESEL ENGINE PROJECTS TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH THE ASEAN PROPOSED DIESEL ENGINE PROJECT FOR SINGAPORE. THERE HAS BEEN NO COORDINATION ON THE ASEAN PROJECT AND APPARENTLY NONE IS PLANNED. RTG IS LIKELY TO APPROVE SOME OF THE APPLICATIONS NOW BEING CONSIDERED WITHOUT REGARD TO THE ASEAN

PROJECT.  
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